

Pilot Joe – IDT Meeting Notes
April 12, 2011

Attendees: Armand Rebischke, Jen Smith, Ted Hass, Jerry Serabia, John Samuelson, Nate Goodwine, Tony Kerwin, Stephanie Kelleher (notetaker), Luke Ruediger, Brett Holcomb, Craig Brown, Jason Reilly, John Gerritsma, Ed Reilly, Mike Derrig, and Josh Robeson.

Agenda:

- ✓ Review and finalize proposed action – mature forest management/young stand management
- ✓ Discuss road options and design standards
- ✓ Schedule for reports and writing /analysis approach
- ✓ What additional work or information is needed to move forward

Status Update: Scoping letter went out on Friday, April 8th, all potential roads are flagged, and the Applegater has done a comprehensive article on the Pilot (well done).

FYI - [REDACTED] has submitted some things to John G. re: proposed wild lands initiative in the watershed, not within this year's project area so out of scope for this phase, but just keep in mind. There are two things that trigger a wild lands assessment, 1) an RMP revision/amendment or 2) a project is proposed in the same area as the proposed wild land.

- Preliminary Proposed Action Map Shown: Approximately 385 acres identified for commercial (TS/stewardship potential) and XXX acres (still to be determined) identified for fuels treatment and young stand management
- The proposed restoration treatments do not fit naming conventions found in our RMP and we need better names than young/mature stands (which is being used temporarily) - any suggestions?
- Not all fuels areas have been cleared for botany; this will get worked out today after the meeting.
- Jason will look into fuels units still needing wildlife surveys and Armand for botany.
- EA – decision to only include what will get done this year and leave in a small area of unknown fuels areas until we have survey info.
- There are two maps, a context map (to help with overall planning/landscape level) and proposed action map (to be developed after today's meeting)
- Fuels budget may not cover all proposed fuels treatment areas identified.
- **ACTION ITEM:** Identify what we propose to treat this year before the end of this week (TS, Stewardship, Fuels, and "young stand" management).
- Identify additional areas needing treatment as foreseeable actions.
- Areas that have been dropped from the proposed action will be included/described in the considered but eliminated from detailed analysis section of the EA.
- Two requirements for inclusion of a unit:
 1. Area must be cleared – wildlife/botany/cultural surveys completed
 2. Must be able to treat completely (N/J emphasized this importance)

- ROADS:
 - Proposed roads = 4
 - Ridge road (visited during field trip, stop # 2)
 - Two routes identified for 2nd ridge top road, both are flagged
 - Short extension road to reach farther into unit, flat terrain
 - Existing road, needs improvement/renovation
 - All roads are flagged on the ground, but still need to get put on the proposed action map and still need road tables from Josh.
 - It is important to show what the roading needs are for the project; the NEPA process will help determine public concerns and will drive the development of alternatives.
 - The goal of the project is to implement principles; how will roads/no roads affect this?
 - In the project area, two roads were previously identified for decommissioning:
 - Crosses through creek, proposed natural decommission, no culvert to pull, abandoned, mining claim on road?
 - Also riparian area, needs more discussion/look at again, downhill, not the best location for yarding, future use potential?
 - May 15th specialist reports due.
 - Potential public concerns regarding roads:
 - Increased access and ecological concerns with facilitating more access.
 - Feasibility to maintain current transportation system, why add to burden?
 - Roads in riparian areas, effects differ than roads on ridges (may be more acceptable depending on location)
 - No permanent roads
 - “Public has roads to get to their homes” – Important to keep in mind that we all need roads for access.
- Botany:
 - ✓ Needs another review of what has been surveyed and cleared, most areas still need spring fritillaria surveys.
 - ✓ Ted will get proposed action map to Armand when ready (this week).
 - ✓ Need to know where known sites are as well.
- Finalize proposed action for Phase 1: Pilot Joe- Put road tables, prescription, and list of units/acres into EA/Chapter 2 folder.
- Next Meeting, Tuesday April 19th, 2011 @ 8:00-10:00a.m. **CANCELLED**